GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND FOR TUSSAR SILK
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for Indian tussar silk has increased in foreign markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production area of silk; and

(d) the total amount spent by the Government for the development of the production area during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a)&(b) Exports of Tasar Silk goods during 2000-2001 has shown an increasing trend as compared to the year 1999-2000. This is indicative of increasing demand for Indian Tasar silk in foreign markets. The table below gives the performance of Tasar silk goods exports during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

		1999-2000			2000-01		
PARTICULARS	UNIT	QUANTITY	VALUE	Min. US $	QUANTITY	VALUE	MIN. US $
TASAR SILK GOODS	Nos.	1428414	66.85	15.42	2321318	85.9	18.8
	Kg.	148523	32.17	7.42	157943	30.42	6.66
TOTAL			99.02	22.84		116.32	25.46

(c) To increase the production of silk in the country the Central Silk Board Board, apart from providing Research & Development, extension, training support and silkworm seed supply to supplement the efforts of the State Government is also implementing the following sericulture schemes and projects.

1) UNDP assisted Sub-Programme on Development of Non-Mulberry Silk;
2) Project on conservation of wild modal Tasar Eco-Races in Similipal Biosphere Mayurbhanj District, Orissa;
3) Catalytic Development Programme; and
4) Chattisgarh Sericulture Project.

(d) The amount spent by CSB during the last three years for development for sericulture under Central Sector is given below:-

Year	Expenditure (Rs. Crores)
1999-2000	84.00
2000-01	93.48
2001-02	108.06